

**AUDIT COMMITTEE
27 SEPTEMBER 2023**

AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

Purpose of the Report

1. To present the Auditor's Annual Report and Auditor's Certificate for 2020/21

Summary

2. The Auditors Annual Report (Appendix 1) provides a high level summary of the results from the 2020/21 audit work undertaken by Ernst and Young LLP (EY), the Council's external auditors, for the benefit of Members and other interested stakeholders.
3. The Report and Certificate (Appendix 2) confirm the Council's accounts give a true and fair view for the year ending 31 March 2021 and that the Council have put in place proper arrangements to secure value for money in its use of resources.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that the Auditor's Annual Report and Auditor's Certificate be noted.

Reasons

5. The recommendation is supported to enable the Audit Committee to receive the results of external audit work carried out.

**Elizabeth Davison
Group Director of Operations**

Background Papers

Audit Results Report Year ended 31 March 2021

Judith Murray: Extension 5401

S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific issues which relate to crime and disorder.
Health and Well Being	There is no specific health and well being impact.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	There is no specific carbon impact.
Diversity	There is no specific diversity impact.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected equally.
Groups Affected	All groups are affected equally.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not affect the budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
Council Plan	There is no specific relevance to the plan beyond a reflection on the Council's governance arrangements.
Efficiency	The External Auditors concluded that the Council had put in place proper arrangements to secure value for money in its use of resources.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers